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STOCKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 17 YEARS FOR CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Stockton, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for producing and possessing child pornography.

Brian A. Leonard, 30, of Stockton, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this afternoon to 17 years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On April 4, 2005, **Leonard** pleaded guilty to all charges contained in an Oct. 14, 2004, federal indictment. By pleading guilty, **Leonard** admitted that he coerced a boy and a girl under the age of 12 to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography on Aug. 12, 2003, in Cedar County, Mo. **Leonard** also admitted that he coerced a boy under the age of 12 to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography on Feb. 20, 2004, in Cedar County.

Leonard admitted that he was in possession of a videotape, computer disks, digital camera memory device, and computer hard drives that contained more than 300 images of child pornography on Jan. 1, 2004, in Cedar County.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Cedar County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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